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EO 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAIR, IZ, IR

SUBJECT: HIJACKING OF IRAQI AIRWAY 737

REF: STATE 083838

1. USINT'S ONLY POSSIBLE SOURCE OF INFO ABOUT SCREENING PROCEDURES AT MOSUL AIRPORT AT TIME OF SUBJECT HIJACKING IS BOEING REP AND EVEN HIS INFO IS SECOND HAND SINCE BOEING PERSONNEL HAVE NOT BEEN PERMITTED TO FLY TO MOSUL FOR SECURITY REASONS (MOSUL AIRPORT SERVED AS MILITARY AIRPORT DURING KURDISH WAR).

2. BOEING REP TOLD ME THAT, BASED ON INFO FROM IRAQI AIRWAYS PERSONNEL, HE BELIEVED NO X-RAY, ELECTRONIC SEARCH OR PHYSICAL SEARCH OF BAGGAGE OR PAX TOOK PLACE. HE BASED THIS PARTLY ON STORY THAT ON THIS FLIGHT SECURITY OFFICIALS ON BOARD HAD AFTER BOARDING REQUESTED ALL PAX TO TURN OVER ANY WEAPONS THEY WERE CARRYING AND THEY HAD COLLECTED 14 (SIC). HIJACKERS OBVIOUSLY RESISTED THIS DEMAND.

3. COMMENT: I CANNOT VOUCH FOR STORY OF WEAPON COLLECTION, BUT LACK OF PRE-BOARDING SECURITY IS CREDIBLE. SECURITY CHECKS EVEN AT BAGHDAD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT HAVE BECOME INCREASINGLY LAX IN RECENT MONTHS. X-RAY MACHINE FOR  
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BAGGAGE BROKE DOWN SHORTLY AFTER IT WAS INSTALLED LAST

MAY. HAND LUGGAGE IS USUALLY INSPECTED, BUT PAX SEARCH SEEMS  
TO BE CONDUCTED ON A RANDOM BASIS.  
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